



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Sanchez, et al.

Application No.: 09/847,736

Filed: May 1, 2001

For: PIVOT POINT ARM FOR A ROBOTIC
SYSTEM USED TO PERFORM A
SURGICAL PROCEDURE

Examiner: Kenneth G. Schopper

Art Group: 3739

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231-9998

Sir:

The following is a response to the Restriction requirement issued on July 29, 2002. The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement requested an election between claims 1-20 (Group I) and 21-24 (Group II). The Examiner has also requested an election of species in Figure 2, claims 1-4, 8-14 and 22, and the second species showing Figure 3, claims 5-7, 15-20 and 24. The applicant hereby elects claims 1-4 and 8-14, with traverse. The applicant hereby request the Examiner examine the above-entitled application.

Respectfully submitted,

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